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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant : LOUVEL, Pascal Claude Michel, et al.  
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Title : MULTIPARTICULATE PHARMACEUTICAL FORM,  
PARTICLES CONSTITUTING IT, METHOD AND  
PLANT FOR MAKING SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on January 29, 2001, please  
amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 5 and 6 without prejudice, and substitute therefor the  
following new claims 7 and 8.

7. Method of making particles, in particular spheroids intended to be used for  
preparing tablets, said particles which include an active substance having a constant  
diameter in the range from 0.5 mm to 2 mm and a controlled and predetermined active  
substance release curve, said method including successively:

- a step of selecting an active substance and a thermoplastic material, including  
at least one polymer excipient and at least one plasticiser,